









by Dr. Mary Livers

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## HEY THERE, YOU'RE OUR ROCK STAR!



This week, "What's Up Doc?" is about OUR Doc, Dr. Mary Livers.

OJJ's Doc is a die hard, undeniable, irrefutable, solid and true Juvenile Justice Rock Star!

This edition of What's Up, Doc? is a little different than usual. Okay, a lot different. Doc didn't write it. Staff did. Our "Doc" is featured below. The "real" Dr. Livers returns next week.

"Who aims at excellence will be above mediocrity; who aims at mediocrity will be far short of it. I find Dr. Livers to be a leader who strives to make a difference in not only your life but in the lives of others. Her leadership ability is demonstrated by her own actions that inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more; she is a leader."

"Anyone can steer a ship, but it takes a leader to chart the course, a leader to see more than others see, one who sees farther than others, and sees before others see. A leader touches the heart of a person before they ask for a hand in help, having the ability to connect with people is essential to strong leadership. When people respect you as a leader they will follow you."

"Dr. Livers is always willing to speak to every OJJ employee, no matter their status in the organization. She exhibits clear and concise goals."

"Dr. Livers as a leader - I am very proud to be serving in OJJ with her as our leader. I look forward to What's Up Doc? each Friday afternoon. Her open communication and humor are very much appreciated. Dr. Livers challenges each and every one of us to be the very best that we can be - and then some."

"As a leader, I would say that Dr. Livers is fair, compassionate and competent. She embodies all the qualities a true leader should possess."

"I understood Dr. Livers' leadership style in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. She struck me as a very compassionate leader toward her people. She cared about the facilities and how people are doing out there."

"A leader will listen and wants what is best for everyone, and is not a dictator, but a team player."

"Dr. Livers demands feedback on critical issues and values your opinions and ideas. She never met a stranger, and is very approachable. She makes people feel comfortable. She is a great person, and her leadership style is to Model the Way. Dr. Livers displays exemplary leadership."

Thanks, Doc, for Modeling the Way, Inspiring a Shared Vision, Challenging the Process, Enabling Others to Act and most of all, for Encouraging the Heart. We're with you all the way.

Sincerely, *OJJ Staff* 

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